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(TEXT) PEKING, 11 DECEMBER--THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN A NOTE TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE TODAY, LODGED A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST NINE INDIAN AIR INTRUSIONS YESTERDAY INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER TIBET OF CHINA.

DURING THE ONE DAY OF 10 DECEMBER THE NOTE SAID, AN INDIAN AIRCRAFT INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER THE WALONG AREA, REPEATEDLY CIRCLING OVER THE POSITIONS OF THE CHINESE FRONTIER FORCES THERE AND MAKING HARASSMENT AND PROVOCATION. ANOTHER INDIAN AIRCRAFT INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER THE SUBURBS OF LHASA, CAPITAL OF TIBET, AND THEN FLEW EASTWARD ALONG THE SZECHWAN-TIBET ROAD FOR EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE. ANOTHER INDIAN AIRCRAFT INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER TOWA DZONG, GYANTSE, AND SHIGATSE IN TIBET, AND ENGAGED IN RECONNAISSANCE AND HARASSMENT.

FURTHERMORE, INDIAN AIRCRAFT MADE SIX INTRUSIONS INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER NALUNG, MIKU, KEIANG, TAMADEN, CHUMNITAN, CHANGLUN, AND OTHER PLACES IN TIBET OF CHINA.

THE ABOVEMENTIONED INTRUSIONS INTO CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AIR BY INDIAN AIRCRAFT, THE NOTE SAID, ARE DIRECT PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE CHINESE FRONTIER FORCES WHO HAVE CEASED FIRE AND ARE WITHDRAWING ON CHINA'S OWN INITIATIVE. WHAT IS MORE, THESE AIRCRAFT PENETRATED DEEP INTO THE AIRSPACE OVER MAIN CITIES OF THE TIBET REGION OF CHINA. THESE INCIDENTS ARE THEREFORE EXTREMELY GRAVE.

THE NOTE CONTINUED:

"SINCE THE CHINESE FRONTIER FORCES CEASED FIRE AND BEGAN WITHDRAWING ON CHINA'S OWN INITIATIVE ALONG THE ENTIRE SINO-INDIAN BORDER, VIOLATIONS OF CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AIR BY INDIAN AIRCRAFT PRESSING FORWARD ON THE CHINESE FRONTIER FORCES' CEASE-FIRE LINE AND CROSSING OF THE 1959 LINE OF ACTUAL CONTROL BY INDIAN TROOPS HAVE HAPPENED REPEATEDLY. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT CANNOT BUT TAKE A SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS.

"DOES IT MEAN THAT THE INDIAN SIDE DELIBERATELY INTENDS TO DISRUPT THE CEASE-FIRE AND WITHDRAWAL BY THE CHINESE SIDE?" THE NOTE ASKED.

"THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT URGED THE INDIAN SIDE TO STOP ALL PROVOCATIONS IMMEDIATELY. SHOULD THE INDIAN SIDE TURN A DEAF EAR TO THE WARNING AND REQUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY ARISE THEREFROM MUST LIE WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT," THE NOTE SAID.

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